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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **YONEMOCHI, Kenji et al.**

Group Art Unit: 1732

Serial No.: 10/030,126

Examiner: **Jill Lynne Heitbrink**

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For: **METHOD OF FORMING A COATING LAYER ON THE SURFACE OF A
MOLDED PRODUCT WITHIN A MOLD**

RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
DATED MARCH 5, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: May 4, 2004

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated **March 5, 2004**.

In the Action, restriction is required between Group (I), claims 1 and 2, drawn to an in-mold coating formation method injection time and clamping; Group (II), claims 3 and 4, drawn to an in-mold coating formation method toggle stroke and force; Group (III), claims 5 and 6, drawn to an in-mold coating formation apparatus with specific stroke sensors, memory and control parts; Group (IV), claims 7 and 8, drawn to an in-mold coating formation mold with auxiliary cavity dimensions; Group (V), claims 9 and 10, drawn to an in-mold coating formation method with formation of a gap by shrinkage of an auxiliary molded body; Group (VI), claims 11 and 12, drawn to an in-mold coating formation method with a pressure arriving at higher than 0.5 MPa; or Group (VII), claim 13, drawn to an in-mold coating formation method with the temperature of the molded product increasing to greater than the curing temperature of the coating material.

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Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group (I), claims 1 and 2 for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 USC 120 and 35 USC 121 are retained.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

In the event any additional fees are required in connection with this response, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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